

CDBG PROGRAM

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category provides assistance to address compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

AUTHORIZATION

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State CDBG funds are only available to non-entitlement areas (incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 in population).

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Elevators, chair lifts, and large restroom renovations are eligible if those activities are necessary for ADA compliance. General improvements or enhancements that relate to conducting government business are not eligible for CDBG assistance.

PRIORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE

Missouri's county courthouses are the priority for funding at this time since those buildings have a high need for public access. Only applicants who have completed a plan recognizing all necessary activities to achieve ADA compliance (doors, ramps, signage, restrooms, parking, etc.), and applied a timeline and budget to that plan to receive consideration.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are accepted on a continuous cycle throughout the year with no deadline date. Applications are rated on need, project impact,

local effort, and past efforts to address need. To receive a recommendation for funding, an application must score 65 out of 100 points.

Communities interested in applying for grant assistance should complete the CDBG application and submit State Historic Preservation Office clearance documents. A plan for full ADA compliance (including a timeline) and a preliminary architectural design are also required.

The application, guidelines and other program information are available at www.missouridevelopment.org/communities/communitydevelopment/applications.html. CDBG staff can also provide a technical assistance guide for completing the architectural plan and obtaining clearance from the State Historic Preservation Office.

All CDBG-funded projects must meet a national objective set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Projects can either:

1. Benefit 51% low and moderate income (LMI) persons and families, or
2. Eliminate slums and blight.

Please contact the CDBG office for more information about determining the national objective for a potential project.

FUNDING LIMITS

The maximum amount an applicant can request is \$250,000 or \$5,000 per household.

CONTACT

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OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES OF DED

- Web site: www.missouridevelopment.org
- E-mail: ecodev@ded.state.mo.us

MISSOURI ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER

provides program summaries on resources that are available through the Department of Economic Development that maybe of assistance to your business or community. Visit the web site at

www.missouridevelopment.org/business/economicassistancecenter

MISSOURI LOCATION ONE is an internet-based searchable system that shows available buildings and sites across Missouri. This system allows location consultants and company owners to evaluate Missouri communities from across the nation quickly and at no cost. This system can be accessed at www.missouridevelopment.org and clicking on business.

The **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** group offers over 15 different tax credit and grant programs to specifically meet the needs of not-for-profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 522-6155 or access the information at

www.missouridevelopment.org/communities/communities.shtml.